

Bayside News



JULY 2024

Creative Carlton mural
by Lotte Alexis.

Message from the Mayor Cr Bill Saravinovski



The beginning of July was NAIDOC Week, a time to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In Bayside we relish the opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and our exciting NAIDOC Week

program allows our local community to take part in this celebration of culture.

We have some exciting events in the coming months, with a fantastic Winter Wonderland event in Bexley North on Saturday 3 August.

This exciting winter festival, made possible thanks to an Open Streets Program grant from Transport for NSW, includes ice skating, market stalls, and winter-themed events for the whole family to enjoy, including a visit from Bluey & Bingo.

It is a great opportunity to help bring our streets to life and encourage people to enjoy a day out while supporting local businesses. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Bayside Spring Fair returns to Jack Munday Reserve Eastlakes on Saturday 7 September and will celebrate the cultural diversity of Bayside with culinary delights, arts and crafts, live music and entertainment.

I hope you can join us for a fantastic family day out.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that Council elections will take place on Saturday 14 September and your Ward Boundaries may have changed.

To find out which Ward you are in check our interactive map at **www.bayside.nsw.gov.au** as these changes come into effect at the election.

Voting is compulsory for all eligible Australian citizens, so please check the electoral roll and update your details, if necessary, by visiting the NSW Electoral Commission's website at **www.elections.nsw.gov.au** or calling 1300 135 736.

I look forward to continuing to work with our diverse Bayside community to create a better, brighter future we can all share.

Cr Bill Saravinovski
Mayor



Demerger Agenda

Bayside Council is considering exploring the legal de-amalgamation process.

The process requires Council to develop a compelling business case, which includes financial implications, funding options, service delivery capacity, long-term strategic plans and community consultation, that is submitted to the Minister for Local Government for review.

The Minister determines if the case is strong enough to be put to a referendum. If a referendum is passed the Minister may, at their discretion, refer the matter to the Governor for proclamation.

Council has decided to undertake a preliminary survey to gauge the level of community interest before investing in a full business case.

Council has engaged an external research organisation to undertake an independent survey and will also invite community feedback through our Have Your Say page.

The survey will take place in late July and August during which time you can provide feedback through a short survey. Scan the QR code or visit haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au



Award Winning Early Education Program

Bayside Council's Early Education Gaarma Language and Culture Program received a Highly Commended Award at the 2024 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards on Thursday 6 June 2024.

The Early Education Gaarma Language and Culture Program introduced Aboriginal language, culture and history into education programs at Council's Child Care Centres.

The program, with the help of our First Nations community, has improved cultural awareness and understanding and built a strong sense of belonging amongst the children and their families.

In turn, First Nations communities have learned how to engage with our early learning services and have been supported to share their knowledge and culture with pride.

Garden Organics for all Bayside Residents

Properties in Arncliffe, Banksia, Bardwell Valley, Bardwell Park, Bexley, Bexley North, Brighton Le Sands, Carlton, Dolls Point, Kingsgrove, Kogarah, Kyeemagh, Monterey, Ramsgate, Ramsgate Beach, Rockdale, Sandringham, Sans Souci, Turrella and Wolli Creek, will have access to a new Garden Organics service from 30 September 2024.

This will ensure a Garden Organics service is available to all residents in Bayside. Properties in these areas will receive a green-lidded bin commencing this August in preparation for the service to commence on 30 September.

For more information about the changes, visit www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/waste



Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland is coming to Bexley North on Saturday 3 August. Shaw Street will be transformed into a temporary pedestrian mall bringing local businesses and residents together for a day of fun activities and market street trading the whole family can enjoy.

The free community event from 3pm to 9pm will include market stalls, an ice rink, winter themed activities for children and live music with special guests Bluey & Bingo.

This event has been made possible thanks to an Open Streets Program grant from Transport for New South Wales to activate local spaces, support local business and the creative arts.

Barton Park Opening

Bayside residents braved the weather to attend the official opening of Barton Park following a \$51.7 million upgrade that transformed an old sports field into a sporting and recreational hub for Bayside's growing population.

The project, made possible with support from the NSW Government, includes a new state-of-the-art facility with a 450-seat spectator grandstand, natural turf sporting fields, multi-use courts suitable for basketball, futsal and handball, four tennis courts, new amenities, and improved road access and parking.

Council also worked to protect the wetland areas along Cooks River and Muddy Creek while creating open space for other recreational activities like walking, bird watching and family picnics.



Chapel Nights

St Magdalene's Chapel in Wolli Creek provided the perfect intimate venue for a series of free concerts featuring the classical sounds of Chinese and Middle Eastern music, which were well attended and enjoyed by the community.

Seniors High Tea

Botany and Rockdale Town Halls hosted a series of popular high teas to thank our seniors for their extraordinary contribution to our community.

It was an opportunity to meet with old and new friends, enjoy a delicious high tea, and dance to some toe-tapping live music.



Her Way Safer Cities

Laycock Walk in Mascot and King Street Mall in Rockdale have been made safer and more welcoming as part of a Transport for NSW (TfNSW) program to help increase safety for women and girls near transport hubs as part of the Safer Cities: Her Way program.

The new light poles and lighting, including colour changing festoon lighting in King Street Mall and strip lighting around the seating in Laycock Walk, have received positive feedback from the community.

Council worked closely with TfNSW and listened to the voices of local women, girls, and gender diverse people before undertaking this project.



New Dog Parks

Council is set to investigate the possibility of creating new fenced off-leash dog areas and is seeking community feedback.

The following areas are being considered:

- ▶ Ron Gosling Reserve, Bardwell Park
- ▶ Hughs Avenue Reserve, Mascot
- ▶ Rhodes Street Reserve, Hillsdale
- ▶ Flynns Reserve, Bexley
- ▶ Linear Reserve, Mascot

For more information please visit:
haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au



NSW Local Government Elections will be held on **Saturday 14 September 2024**



All voters will have the opportunity to elect councillors for their Ward at the NSW Local Government Elections.

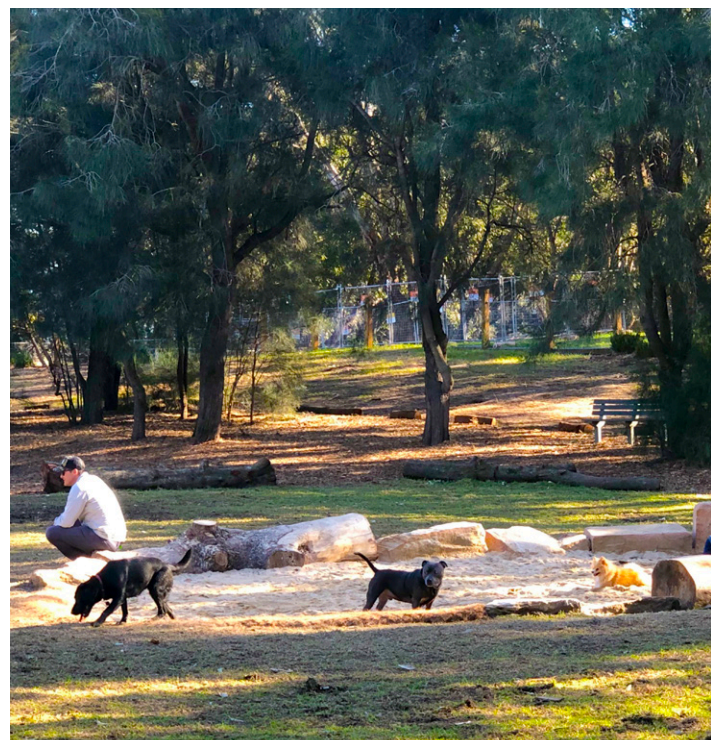
Voting is compulsory for all Australian citizens over the age of 18 years. Visit the NSW Electoral Commission website at **www.elections.nsw.gov.au** to check and update your enrolment details and for a full list of polling places.

Since the last Local Government Election held in 2021, Council was required to review the Ward Boundaries. This come into effect Saturday 14 September 2024 for the Bayside Local Government Area Council Election.



To find out which Ward you live in, please use our interactive map by scanning the QR code.

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National Reconciliation Week

Bayside Council marked National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week with a guided tour through the native Bush Tucker Forest in Sir Joseph Banks Park on Monday 27 May.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed a yarn and a sausage sizzle provided by Goanna Hut.

Bayside Celebrates NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity to honour and recognise the rich culture, history, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Council began its NAIDOC Week celebration with a Walk on Country in Wolli Creek with local elder Aunty Barb Simms who shared her experience and connection to our local waterways and Cooks River. This was followed by a special flag raising and smoking ceremony in front of Botany Town Hall and arts and crafts activities inside the Town Hall.

A Family Fun Day was held in the new park in Wolli Creek set against the backdrop of Bayside's largest First Nations mural; and our branch libraries featured books written and illustrated by First Nations creators at their weekly Storytime sessions.



Photo Competition

Bayside Council's annual photography competition gives residents an opportunity to capture the unique diversity of the place we all call home. It opens in October.

The competition has seven categories: Open, Environmental, Waterways, Transport, Active, Neighbourhood and Junior. It features a total prize pool of \$3,800 on offer.

Entries can be submitted online. Please visit our website for more information.

New Playgrounds

Two playgrounds have been refurbished to provide exciting new facilities for families and children of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

Patricia Carlon Reserve in Bexley has new playground equipment for young children, that includes nature and sensory play areas, new park furniture and improved paths. New trees have also been planted to provide shade.

Noel Seiffert Reserve in Sans Souci also has new playground equipment for upper primary ages, a shade sail, paths, and park furniture. The area has also been landscaped.

Both playgrounds are now open for the community to enjoy.



Lighting Upgrade

Council installed new light poles and lighting, including colour-changing lights to illuminate the trees at Ron Rathbone Place in Bexley.

Redundant bud lighting in trees around Mascot Memorial Park has also been replaced with colour changing, up lighting.

Scarborough Park Open

The new Scarborough Park facility now boasts six new courts, player and spectator shelters, compliant sports fencing as well as sporting infrastructure like goals, netting and posts.

This is a true multi-sports facility where the community can enjoy additional recreational activities like tennis, basketball, volleyball, futsal and pickleball.

The upgrade has rejuvenated the Scarborough Park courts, which are now safe, accessible, and sympathetic to the highly valued natural environment of the area.

Book a court: <https://scarboroughsports.com.au/book-a-court>



Trees for Mum

Bayside families turned out to plant over 70 trees for a Mother's Day event that is also creating a greener future for Bayside.

Trees for Mum gives residents the opportunity to celebrate their mum, or a mother they would like to recognise, by planting a native tree on Mother's Day.



Three Big Strategies

Council is putting in place three key strategies that will guide Council as it aims to increase Bayside's tree canopy, improve waste management and reduce waste generation, and cultivate a resilient community.

The key strategies are: Urban Forest Strategy, Sustainable Waste Management Strategy and Environment and Resilience Strategy.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback that was incorporated into these strategies.

Sans Souci Tree Saved

A magnificent, giant Fig tree near Ramsgate Beach Plaza has been saved. Council worked closely with Sydney Water to save the tree located in Alfred Street, Sans Souci.

Sydney Water successfully repaired the underground wastewater pipe under the supervision of a qualified arborist. This Fig tree is now listed in Council's Draft Significant Tree register.



World Environment Day

Council celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June with numerous events ranging from community workshops, wetland tours and habitat restoration initiatives with residents of all ages contributing to our local environment.



What's On

JUL - NOV

Photography Exhibition

The winners of Bayside's 2023 Photography Competition are on display.

During library hours
Mascot Library & George Hanna Museum
2 Hatfield Street
Mascot

SAT 3 AUG

Winter Wonderland Special guests Bluey & Bingo

Enjoy an afternoon and evening of ice skating, live music, food, market stalls and activities.

3pm - 9pm
Shaw Street and
Shaw Street Reserve
Bexley North

SUN 4 AUG

Ice Skating in the Park

Try skating on real ice and support the local cafes, or enjoy food & coffee on site.

11am - 4pm
Shaw Street Reserve
Bexley North

SAT 17 - FRI 23 AUG

Book Week Competition

Local primary school children are invited to find the magic in art and enter Bayside's Book Week Competition.

Entry forms available from
your local library

SAT 7 SEP

Spring Fair

Celebrate Bayside's diverse community with market stalls, food trucks and a petting zoo from 11am to 5pm. Then enjoy a free movie and food stalls from 5pm to 7pm.

11am - 7pm
Jack Munday and
Bridget Tight Reserve
Eastlakes

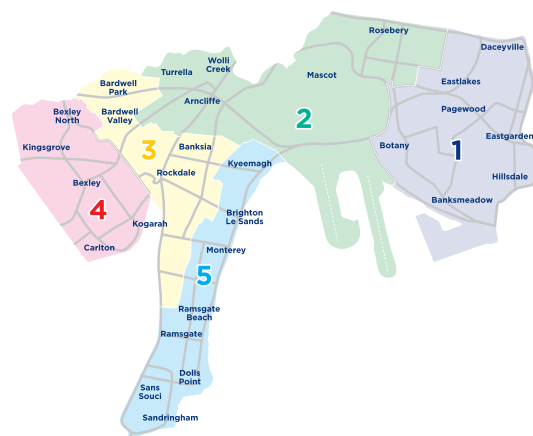
SAT 2 NOV

Food and Wine Festival

Come for lunch and stay for dinner. Relax and enjoy great food, wine, live music and activities.

11am - 9pm
Mascot Memorial Park
Mascot

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HAVE YOUR SAY



A place where you
can participate
and influence
Council's decision
making process.

Bayside Customer Service Centres

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Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
Phone **1300 581 299** | **02 9562 1666**



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